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INFO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

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SUBJECT: UN COMMITTEE OF 24 (C-24) AND PUERTO RICO:

IVORY COAST

REF: (A) STATE 181798; (B) ABIDJAN 7130;(C) ABIDJAN 6221

1. ON AUGUST 17, MISOFF DISCUSSED PUERTO RICO AND THE C-24 WITH IVORY COAST MISOFF KOUAME (CHAIRMAN OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON SMALL TERRITORIES OF THE C-24) ALONG THE LINES OF THE AIDE MEMOIRE TRANSMITTED BY REF A. KOUAME INDICATED THAT HE IS AWARE OF HIGHLEVEL US-GOIV CONTACTS CONCERNING PUERTO RICO (REF B AND C), THAT THE GOIV IS FULLY SYMPATHETIC TO THE US POSITION ON PUERTO RICO AND CONSIDERES THIS AN IMPORTANT MATTER OF PRINCIPLE.

2. HE EXPRESSED REGRET OVER PRESS COVERAGE LAST YEAR OF US LOBBYING EFFORTS RELATED TO THE C-24 CONSIDERATION OF PUERTO RICO, WHICH, HE SAID, EMBARRASSED C-24 MEMBERS WHO HAD VOTED FOR POSTPONEMENT AS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE.

3. HE SAID THAT HE HAS RECEIVED NO NEW INSTRUCTIONS BUT VIEWS A MOTION TO POSTPONE CONSIDERATION OF ANY RESOLUTION ON PUERTO RICO AS THE LEAST PAINFUL EXIT FROM THIS YEAR'S DEBATE. KOUAME SAID HE WOULD BE SEEKING INSTRUCTIONS IN THE
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NEAR FUTURE. HE EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR THE US TO WORK ON THE

"PROGRESSIVE" (RADICAL WE ASSUME) MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE.
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